

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A tamper-evident closure ~~(10)~~ for a container ~~(20)~~, the closure comprising;
  - a first portion ~~(25)~~ including inner ~~(35)~~ and outer ~~(45)~~ parts, and
  - a second portion ~~(30)~~,
  - ~~the outer part (45)~~ is movable relative to the inner part ~~(35)~~ from a first position in which the outer part ~~(45)~~ is immediately adjacent the second portion ~~(30)~~ to a second position in which there is an unobstructed gap ~~(G)~~ therebetween, the inner ~~(35)~~ and outer ~~(45)~~ parts are adapted to become irreversibly locked in the second position so that the outer part ~~(45)~~ cannot be moved back to the first position to close the gap ~~(G)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) A closure ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the second portion ~~(30)~~ is adapted to be connected to a container ~~(20)~~ and the first portion ~~(25)~~ comprises a cap.
3. (Currently Amended) A closure ~~(10)~~ according to claim 2, wherein the second portion ~~(30)~~ is permanently fixed in its position on the container.
4. (Currently Amended) A closure ~~(110)~~ according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 3, wherein the first portion ~~(155a, 165)~~ is adapted to engage an in-bore fitment ~~(100)~~ associated with the container.
5. (Currently Amended) A closure ~~(10)~~ according to ~~any preceding claim~~ 1, wherein the first portion ~~(25)~~ includes a ratchet arrangement ~~(40, 49)~~ for locking the inner ~~(35)~~ and outer parts ~~(45)~~ in the second position.

6. (Currently Amended) A closure ~~(110)~~ according to claim 5, wherein the first portion ~~(155a, 165)~~ includes engagement formations ~~(169)~~ and the ratchet arrangement ~~(163, 170)~~ is located above the formations ~~(169)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A closure ~~(10)~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the gap ~~(G)~~ is formed at the respective adjacent peripheries of the portions ~~(25, 30)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A closure ~~(110)~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the inner part ~~(165)~~ includes a part ~~(171)~~ which extends beyond the outer part ~~(155a)~~ towards the second portion ~~(155b)~~ in the second position, the part ~~(171)~~ is positioned so as to be visible through the gap ~~(G1)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) In combination a container ~~(20)~~ and a tamper-evident closure ~~(10)~~, the closure ~~(10)~~ comprising:

a first portion ~~(25)~~ including inner ~~(35)~~ and outer ~~(45)~~ parts, and

a second portion ~~(30)~~,

the second portion ~~(30)~~ is connected to the container ~~(20)~~ and the first portion ~~(25)~~ is a removable top cap, the first portion outer part ~~(45)~~ is movable relative to the inner part ~~(35)~~ from a first position in which the outer part ~~(45)~~ is immediately adjacent the second portion ~~(30)~~ to a second position in which there is an empty, unobstructed gap ~~(G)~~ therebetween, thereafter the first portion ~~(25)~~ is removable and the inner ~~(35)~~ and outer ~~(45)~~ parts are adapted to become irreversibly locked in the second position so that the outer part ~~(45)~~ cannot be moved back to the first position to close the gap ~~(G)~~ when the first portion ~~(25)~~ is replaced.

10. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 9, wherein the combination further comprises an in-bore fitment ~~(100)~~ connectable to the container ~~(120)~~, the first portion ~~(155a, 165)~~ being adapted to engage the fitment ~~(100)~~.